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Israel

In continuing developments in the Pollard affair, "Israeli political circles" condemned the "evil" leaks in the United States on the affair, and warned that further leaks will "tarnish the atmosphere" between the two countries, Jerusalem radio reported. Israeli officials in Washington cited in the same report claimed that some U.S. Administration officials want to "harm" Israel. A "senior" Israeli figure, in a talk with *DAVAR*, cautioned that Israel "will contemplate" the possibility of exposing U.S. intelligence gathering operations inside Israel in retaliation for further "hostile" publications or leaks on the alleged "Israeli espionage network" in the United States. Meanwhile, the head of the IDF intelligence branch insisted that military intelligence had "absolutely nothing" to do with the Pollard affair, in remarks cited by Jerusalem radio.

In terrorist activity, two women were injured when a bomb exploded in a Jerusalem supermarket, Jerusalem radio reported.

Saudi Arabia

Commenting on the U.S. Senate's failure to override President Reagan's veto of its earlier decision to block an arms deal with that country, *AL-RIYAD* praised the vote and said it represents a "victory" for the Kingdom's role on the international level and also against those who advocate Israeli policy over U.S. policy, Riyadh radio reported. Israeli officials in Washington are "pleased" with the Senate vote, according to Jerusalem radio, and they opined that Saudi Arabia now will have to "tangibly prove" that their views are "moderate" in view of the upcoming congressional debate regarding the sale of AWACS to that country. Nevertheless, Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin accused Saudi Arabia, with Syria and Libya, of "financing" terrorism, in an interview with the Italian paper *IL MATTINO* AFP reported.

Lebanon

The Amal Movement announced a "unilateral and comprehensive" cease-fire in the Palestinian camps in a statement issued after a Political Bureau session, according to Beirut radio, and it urged the Palestinians to "come back to their senses" and honor the cease-fire. The radio reported earlier on "violent" fighting in the areas of the Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah camps. The "special force" entrusted with Al-Tariq al-Jadidah security confronted many "difficulties," including Amal and PSP roadblocks in the area, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

In an interview with KUNA, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat accused the head of Syrian military intelligence of "leading" the operations against the Palestinian camps and the Sunni areas in Beirut. 'Arafat applauded the position of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and Hizballah of not participating in the attack on the Palestinian camps and Sunni areas in Beirut, and he viewed their neutrality as a sign of their "support." On the other hand, in a statement cited by the clandestine PSP Voice of the Mountain radio, party leader Walid Junblatt declared that the "proper" way of dealing with 'Arafat's forces in Lebanon is to give the "genuine opposition," led by the Palestinian National Salvation Front, a "responsible role" in fighting the PLO leader's "henchmen" in the security and political spheres.

In other developments, Amal leader Nabih Birri departed for Damascus for talks with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, according to the radio, while Voice of Lebanon radio reported the presence in that city of 6 February Movement leader Shakir al-Barjawi.

Syria

Relations With Iraq — "Informed Arab diplomatic sources" cited by the Riyadh paper *AL-RIYAD* reported by QNA disclosed that an Iraqi-Syrian "political meeting" will take place within the next "2 days." The sources speculated that the meeting will usher in a "major detente" between the two countries on "all levels."

Bomb Blast — The blast that killed and wounded many persons in Damascus was caused by a car bomb, and not by faulty gas cylinders as reported previously, according to investigations into the incident reported by Voice of Lebanon radio.

Bahrain-Qatar

Qatar commenced the withdrawal of its forces from Fasht al-Dibal 4 June, simultaneous with the start of the departure of Bahraini reinforcements on the Hawar Islands, WAM reported citing the Abu Dhabi paper *AL-ITTIHAD* quoting "Gulf sources." The sources predicted that the withdrawal would take approximately a week to complete at which time Bahrain would remove all installations it had under construction on the island. In a related development, a statement carried by QNA and cited by Riyadh SPA announced Qatar's decision to lift all restrictions on visitors to Fasht al-Dibal as of 6 June.

Somalia

"Somali diplomatic sources" cited by the Paris paper *AL-MUSTAQBAL* reported by AFP asserted that shots were fired at the car in which President Siad Barre was riding in outside Mogadishu last month, causing the vehicle to swerve and crash into a bus and "seriously" injuring Barre. A medical bulletin issued in Riyadh where Barre is recuperating described his condition as "very good" and said the president would be leaving the hospital "soon," according to Mogadishu radio.

PDRY

Another 228 persons "misled" in the abortive 13 January coup attempt were released 5 June, bringing the number of those released in the general amnesty to 2,700, Aden radio revealed.

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BAKHTAR Commentator on U.S. SALT II Stance

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[Text] Kabul, June 5, BAKHTAR — In connection with the Reagan administration's announcement that it would not keep up with the SALT 2 accord between the USSR and the USA after May 27 of the current year, a political observer of BAKHTAR writes:

Recently the White House has rejected the observance of the agreement of limiting strategic offensive weapons of 1972 between the USSR and the USA called SALT 2 and has announced its unfaithfulness to its articles.

The politicians of different countries of the world regard this intention of the Washington administration as another dangerous military attempt in the direction of accelerating and expanding of the Us arms race.

It is an established fact that the Reagan administration creates a new phase of arms race with its adventuristic and irresponsible policy in the world.

Washington strives to cover its nefarious military objectives with levelling of slanderous and groundless statements as if the USSR violates the SALT-2 accords.

It is a crying fact that these allegations are completely groundless. Even the Americans are aware that the USSR has never violated the SALT-2 accord, on the contrary it is faithful to its contents and has observed it.

The main aim of these insinuations and mendacious vociferations of the Reagan administration is to create international tension and achieve military superiority.

The Pentagon brass acknowledge that the US military budget will reach to 14008 billion dollars till 1987. At present the USA has set up over 2500 military bases in different corners of the world, whose majority are equipped with nuclear weapons.

Washington has declared different regions of the world which are thousands of kilometers away from the USA as its vital interest regions aimed at ensuring its voracious interests. This is the main aim of non-observance of SALT-2 accord.

The recent statement of the USSR in this connection proves that it is not only faithful to the observance of the articles of SALT-2 accord, but it regards its non-observance as a dangerous step in the direction of arms race in the world.

Now the world public will perceive that which [as received] powers are truly striving for ensuring peace and avoiding a nuclear catastrophe and which powers are dragging humanity to the abyss of annihilation.

Kabul Reports Routine Politburo Session

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[Text] The regular session of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo was convened in the atmosphere of collective work, democratic and on the basis of high interest [as heard].

At this session of the Politburo the report of Minister of Foreign Affairs Shah Mohammad Dost, on the latest round of Geneva talks between the DRA and Pakistan was heard and approved.

The Politburo also considered the report of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land and the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources on the appointment and training of cadres, and pointed out that some resources remain untouched, along with the specific work carried out by these ministries, to improve work with cadres in their professional and political training and education.

The work of these ministries is (?linked) with the most important socioeconomic task of the present time, which is to further attract the peasants to the revolutionary process, improve their living conditions, and create a solid foundation for advanced agriculture and development of the irrigation systems.

The realization of the duties stemming from the 5-year post-revolution plan requires the existence of aware and able cadres who are responsibile as well as [words indistinct] improvement in the methods of appointment, stationing and training of the cadres. The Politburo in this respect issued specific instructions to those in charge of these ministries.

The Politburo supported the initiative displayed by the young poeple in voluntarily joining the ranks of the Armed Forces. It assessed the fact that increasing numbers of them are joining the ranks of the Armed Forces as their patriotic duty and as a vivid example of fresh, patriotic and revolutionary awareness among Afghan youth under circumstances in which the undeclared imperialist and reactionary war becomes increasingly broader in scope and U.S. imperialism, by dispatching to and arming the counterrevolutionary bands with modern and advanced weapons, confronts with difficulty the peaceful solution of the events around Afghanistan.

On the other hand, the PDPA and the DRA Government strive with determination to provide our people and homeland with secured and peaceful conditions of life.

At this Politburo session a decision was also made to improve affairs regarding acceptance of people in PDPA Central Committee as an effective step to meet their needs and to realize the party links with the people. At this session a series of other domestic and foreign issues were also assessed and necessary decisions were taken in these respects.

Further Reportage on Golden Temple, Punjab Situation

5,000 Sikhs To 'Liberate' Temple

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[By Barry Parker]

[Text] Amritsar, India, June 5 (AFP) — Five thousand militant Sikhs who plan to "liberate" the Golden Temple were expected in this holy city Friday. A state-wide alert was issued for the arrest of the widow of one of the killers of Indira Gandhi, police said. The militants set off Thursday from a temple in Faridkot District, more than 100 kilometers (60 miles) from here, aboard trucks and were due in Amritsar Friday to mark the second anniversary of the army assault on the shrine, Police Superintendant Harkishan Singh Khalon told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE.

Friday is the climax of "genocide week," when militants remember the more than 650 people killed in the army assault on the Golden Temple. The army entered the temple, the holiest Sikh Shrine, on June 5 and quelled all extremist resistance by the following day.

The procession planned to spend the night in Tarn Taran, about an hour drive from Amritsar. The militants are led by Baba Joginder Singh, the octagenarian father of militant firebrand leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who died in the army assault on June 6.

Superintendant Kahlon said the procession would be allowed to reach Amritsar, where suspected Sikh extremists killed a Hindu shopkeeper Thursday, but that security forces would be out in strength to prevent trouble.

About 150 plainclothes Punjabi police went into the temple Thursday after the murder Wednesday of a temple guard in the heart of the complex. The Punjab government had not approved the stationing of armed policemen in the temple and they would leave Thursday evening, Superintendant Kahlon said. But if there was trouble security forces would go back into the temple, he warned. A task force of some 75 ex-servicemen had been guarding the temple Wednesday when extremists went on the rampage, killing one guard and injuring eight others. The number of guards was being increased to about 200, Superintendant Kahlon said, adding that some would be armed. But sources in the force said they were having difficulties recruiting men because of fear.

Meanwhile, Bimal Khalsa, the widow of police sub-inspector Beant Singh, one of the men who gunned down Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on October 31, 1984, became the most wanted woman in Punjab Thursday after the murder in the temple, police said. The small, slight woman, aged between 35 and 40, led the extremist rampage which ended with the death of the temple guard, police said.

Amritsar Senior Police Superintendant S.S. Virk said "She may not be the one who stabbed the man, but whoever comes in a mob like that is equally responsible."

Superintendant Kahlon denied rumours of her arrest and said the search was still going on late Friday [as received] and would continue until she was caught. Eyewitnesses saw Mrs. Khalsa at the head of some 200 militants who stormed through the temple looking for members of the task force militia created only this week to ensure security in the shrine.

Posters were distributed and stuck up in and around the temple Thursday calling on Sikhs to attend a "great martyr's day" conference in the temple Friday. The posters were signed by three of the most militant Sikh groups, the All India Sikh Students Federation, the Damdami Taksal and the United Akali Dal, which is organising the procession on the temple.

Further on Sikh Convoy

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[By Barry Parker]

[Text] Amritsar, India, June 6 (AFP) — Some 2,000 sword-waving Sikhs were heading in a truck convoy Friday to "liberate" the Golden Temple here in Punjab State for the climax of "genocide week," eyewitnesses said.

Militants supporters of the United Akali Dal Party set off from Tarn Taran, 25 km (15 miles) from here, after prayers at the local temple to mark the second anniversary of the Indian Army's storming of the Golden Temple in which more than 650 died.

Clad in the saffron turbans of the Khalsa, the Sikh pure, and waving traditional swords and sticks, the militants in a convoy of about 40 vehicles passed a police check point on the road just outside this small town with the barest of formalities.

Cries of "only the pure shall rule" fueled the air as slogans were raised for Khalistan, the Sikh sought homeland in whose name hundreds have been killed in the past three years.

At the head of the convoy was Baba Joginder Singh, octogenarian father of the militant firebrand leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. He was killed on June 6, 1984 the second and final day of the Army's main assault on the Sikh's holiest shrine to evict militants.

Tarn Taran Deputy Police Superintendant Narinder Pal Singh told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE the convoy would be stopped just outside Amritsar and not allowed to reach the temple to celebrate "great martyr's day." No major roadblock was on the way to the holy city and it appeared the convoy would pass without problems. Officials had previously said the United Akalis had insured there would be no trouble, after a murder occurred in the tempie Wednesday following a similar meeting.

The convoy was due to stop for further prayers in the Guru Baba Deep Singh Temple on the outskirts of Amritsar before continuing to the Golden Temple. More supporters were expected to swell their ranks there, militants of the Damdami Taksal and the All India Sikh Student Federation (AISSF) would join them in the temple. The student federation has been held largely responsible for Wednesday's gang murder of a temple guard.

Bimal Khalsa, widow of a police sub-inspector who killed Prime Minister Indira Ganhdi, was seen at the forefront of the 200 strong crowd which beat and stabbed the guard to death. She was still at large Friday.

About 150 armed plainclothed police moved into the temple Thursday but withdrew again early Friday, eyewitnesses said. Security in the temple, which is ringed by police and paramilitary forces, is again under the control of a task force of ex-servicemen raised this week. At least eight of the force, formed by the Sikh Temple Protection Committee, were injured in clashes with militants Wednesday, which left one dead.

Police say the force is more than 300 strong, but only 75 were in the sprawling temple complex Wednesday and task force sources said recruiting problems had been experienced.

About 1500 preventive arrests have been made across Punjab in anticipation of trouble during "genocide week." Most of those held ar emembers of the AISSF, the Damdami Taksal and the United Akali Dal, police said.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency said that at least five people killed one person and injured two in indiscriminate firing in Verpal village, 18 km (11 miles) from here, late Thursday. The assailants, suspected to be Sikh militants escaped after the firing. The names of the victims, released by police, indicate they were Hindus.

'Terrorists' Kill Policeman

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[Text] In Punjab, a subinspector of police was killed and two others were injured when two suspected terrorists fired at them in Amritsar this morning. According to an official spokesman in Chandigarh, the suspected terrorists fired at the victims when they were chased and were running away after snatching a moneybag from a shopkeeper. Meanwhile, a 10-hour relaxation in curfew was given in Fatehgarh Churian and for 2 hours in Jhandiala Guru. Kapurtala continues to be under indefinite curfew.

The SGPC [Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee] president, Mr Kabul Singh, has called upon the Sikh masses to unitedly preserve the sanctity of the Golden Temple. In a statement he accused senior leaders of the breakaway group of the Akali Dal of making irresponsible and provocative statements within the holy precincts of the Golden Temple. He said their speeches had incited hooligans to attack innocent people in the complex yesterday.

The Punjab cabinet at an emergency meeting at Chandigarh late this evening took a serious note of yesterday's violence in the Golden Temple complex by a gang of antisocial hoodlums. Briefing newsmen, the chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, said the resolutions passed at the congregation held in Manji Sahib in the Golden Temple complex yesterday were against the Sikh faith and violative of the institution of the SGPC. He said the SGPC had allowed the congregation to be held in the precincts of the Golden Temple in keeping with the highest democratic tradition.

Cabinet Notes Temple Incident; More Arrests

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[Text] The Punjab cabinet at an emergency meeting in Chandigarh last night took a serious note of yesterday's [as heard] violence in the Golden Temple complex by antisocial elements. It felt that it was a barbaric assault by sacrilegious self-seekers. The meeting called upon the people of the state to unmask all those who preach hatred [words indistinct] tenets of all religious teachings. Talking to newsmen, the chief minister, Mr Barnala, said the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh Temple Management] Committee, had allowed the congregation to be held in the precincts of the Golden Temple in keeping with the highest democratic tradition.

Meanwhile, the state police have nabbed four terrorists, including three hard-core members allegedly responsible for several cases in the border districts of the state. The Amritsar superintendent of police told newsmen that they were arrested while coming in a car from Jullundur. A revolver and two pistols were recovered from them. In Amritsar, one of the two suspected terrorists who attacked a CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] patrol party last night had also been arrested. Meanwhile, the number of preventive arrests in the state during the last 6 days has exceeded 900.

Haryana Chief Minister on Accord

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[Excerpts] In the northern state of Haryana, a 13-member new ministry headed by Mr Bansi Lal was sworn in today. Later, addressing a crowded press conference, Mr Bansi Lal said that the Punjab accord must be implemented in letter and spirit and the people should be told that whatever is in the national interest has to be accepted. He said that the state will accept the decision of the Venkataramaiah Commission on the Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab in lieu of Chandigarh, which will be transferred to Haryana simultaneously with the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab on the 21st of this month.

Mr Bansi Lal said that since water is a life line of the state, the main demand of the state is its share of Ravi-Beas waters. He demanded that the Center should take over the construction of the Sutlej-Yamuna link canal. Replying to a question, Mr Bansi Lal said the prime minister has promised to build a world standard capital for Haryana at the Center's fund.

3 'Miscreants' From Pakistan Shot Dead

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[Text] Three miscreants coming from Pakistan were killed by the Border Security Force [BSF] on the Indo-Pak border near Amrit-

sar last night. All the three appear to be Pakistani nationals. According to reports reaching New Delhi, four miscreants sneaked into Indian territory shortly after midnight. They were challenged by a BSF party, and two of them were killed in the exchange of fire while two others managed to escape into Pakistan under cover of darkness. The third person was also killed in the same area early this morning when he crossed the border and was challenged inside Indian territory.

Commentator Views Developments in Sri Lanka
BK301417 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 30 May 86

[Commentary by All India Radio Colombo correspondent Majumder]

[Text] The predominantly Buddhist country Sri Lanka is now caught in grip of violence. Thirty-two Sinhalese civilians, most of them women and children, were killed in cold blood by Tamil militants over the last weekend in the eastern Trincomalee District. Even when the high-level Indian delegation led by Mr P. Chidambaram tried to sort out the most delicate issues deftly, one Tamil group was gunning down the other.

The incidents are not extraneous to the situation in Sri Lanka. Rather, they provide the ambiance which is necessary to understand the happenings there. It is common knowledge that militants have virtual ground control over the peninsula and the Sri Lanka security forces are more or less confined to their camps. The Sri Lankan national security minister told this correspondent that the present operation had the twin objectives of clearing the routes to the main security forces camps and of securing the major military bases in the areas. Troops moved out on at least three fronts. The area is thickly populated and civilians died caught in the crossfire as security forces, allegedly trying to come back to the Jaffna port camp, were attacked, bombs and helicopter-strafed. [sentence as heard]

The national security minister told the Sri Lankan parliament on the 20th of this month that the operation which ended that day had achieved its objectives. But reports from Jaffna say the very next day Velvetutarai had been bombed and strafed. The recent bomb blasts in Colombo, the Air Lanka blast, and the blast in the central telegraph office have added another dimension to the already intricate crisis.

The Sri Lankan president declared in a recent interview with *THE SUNDAY TIMES* of London that it is simple, naked terrorism. Talking of the latest proposals, he said that they go far beyond what his predecessors would have offered. Then he warns that if these proposals are not acceptable he will unleash the troops. Political observers in Colombo wonder if the latest military operations in Jaffna peninsula is a rehearsal of this final unleashing of the troops. Mr Jayewardene in the same interview appeals to the English-speaking world that they must give Sri Lanka arms and money, because in another few years of this, Sri Lanka would have been bled to death or would be partitioned like Cyprus. And indeed help has been forthcoming.

Journalists were flown on a helicopter piloted by an American national to witness the massacre of Sinhalese civilians in Trincomalee last Saturday. According to *THE SUNDAY TIMES*, again two Britons and one South African have been seen manning helicopter gunships which regularly strafe in Jaffna and Trincomalee. The Sri Lanka Government has also acknowledged that its army has received training in Pakistan. The already polarized positions taken by the two sides — that is, Sri Lankan Government and the militants in the conflict — have become acutely and sharply antagonistic.

The Sri Lankan president has clearly told India that the government will halt military operations only if the militant groups stopped their attack. He is also reported to have conveyed that Colombo will consider sending further formulations on the recent proposals for provincial autonomy only if there is an absolute guarantee that the Tamil groups do not seek any further clarifications.

How will, then — one wishes to ask — these crucial gaps over the core issue be bridged? Although the details and the finer points of the latest formulations brought by the Chidambaram delegation were not known when the visit concluded in the 1st week of this month, political observers expressed a sense of guarded optimism. The crux of the matter was that more detailed formulations were received on important issues. As far as is known provincial councils are to be created by a constitutional amendment. The devolution of executive powers is to be spelled out in an act of parliament which will stipulate that these cannot be abridged or revoked unilaterally, except by a two-third majority. On the land settlement, Colombo is reported to have conceded that alienation of land in new development areas will not upset the existing ethnic proportions in any province. On law and order, provincial councils have been empowered to exercise control over nongazetted employees, although some itching problems are yet to get sorted out over gazetted and central poll officers.

Despite these so-called advances, some major points of disagreement remained. Sri Lanka is vehemently opposed to any idea of merger of the north and the east, although it is reportedly not unwilling to consider interprovincial arrangements on issues of common interest, like language, education, trade and industrial development. The other thorny issue is the arrangement of devolution through an act of parliament. The Tamil groups insist that such a devolution has to come only through an amendment to the constitution.

Outgoing Envoy Meets USSR's Shevardnadze in Moscow
BK040349 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 4 Jun 86

[Text] The Soviet foreign minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, has assured his country's firm support to India and the five other nations that participated in the historic Delhi Declaration in pursuit of peace. Mr Shevardnadze was expressing his sentiments to the outgoing Indian ambassador, Mr Nurul Hasan, in Moscow. Mr Hasan, who called on Mr Shevardnadze to bid him farewell at the end of his term, said that India is keenly looking forward to the visit of Mr Gorbachev. Both the Indian envoy and the Soviet foreign minister agreed that the visit till contribute

greatly to the consolidation of the friendly ties between the two countries.

USSR-India Chamber of Commerce Inaugurated 2 Jun

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[Text] The Indo-Soviet Chamber of Commerce and Industry was formally inaugurated in New Delhi today to boost bilateral trade. Describing it as timely, the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, in a message said: By giving priority to commercial relations, the country can make substantial progress. The Soviet Union has been one of India's most reliable trading partners and so both the countries should have more bilateral trade, he said.

Inaugurating the chamber, the finance minister, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, said the balance of trade position of the country during the coming years can improve if exports get a push. Purchasing from the Soviet Union has a major advantage in view of the rupee-payment agremeent, Mr Singh said. The finance minister recalled an agreement signed with the Soviet Union in December last providing for 150 percent increase in Indo-Soviet trade by 1990. He said the chamber of commerce has a significant role to play in this regard. Mr Singh said it has to explore the possibilities of cooperation in high technology areas. The minister of state for commerce, Mr Brahm Dutt, spoke of the crucial role that the private sector can play in boosting the country's exports.

Congress-I Reaffirms Trust in Gandhi Leadership

BK021631 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Excerpts] The Congress-I working committee has endorsed the decision to expel Mr Pranab Mukherjee and suspend Mr A.P. Sharma, Mr Shripati Mishra, and Mr Prakash Mehrotra. At its meeting in New Delhi today, the working committee unanimously adopted a resolution reiterating the party's unflinching trust in the leadership of Mr Rajiv Gandhi. The resolution, with which Mr Tripathi expressed full agreement, said Mr Rajiv Gandhi is giving a practical shape to the noble vision of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Indira Gandhi. The strongly-worded resolution condemned the mischievous attempts by a discredited rump to weaken the party which it said can only be described as sabotage from within. The resolution said that disguised under the garb of loyalty to Indira Gandhi, some individuals are hankering for power. They protest too much and thereby reveal too much. The resolution said the party will not allow indiscipline. Democracy, it added, does not mean license to disrupt party unity for personal ends. The working committee has also decided to close the matter relating to the letter sent by the working president, Mr Kamlapati Tripathi, to the party president, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, on the 22d of April.

Reviewing the political situation, the working committee resolution said there will be no let up in the fight against extremists. We are confronted with terrorism in Punjab. Anti-national and secessionist forces are active again in Jammu and Kashmir. The terrorists and extremists within our country receive succor and support from across the border. Terrorist violence is part and parcel of the unholy design of Balkanization of India. The resolution said: Communal, castist, and parochial forces aided and encouraged by external elements are working single-mindedly to tear apart the fabric of national unity. Communal riots have been engineered, violence unleashed, insurgency promoted, economic and social crimes perpetrated, and parochial passions aroused over trivial pretext. All this has been done to block the advance toward self-reliance and social justice and to silence the voice of resurgent India.

In a reference to Sri Lanka, the resolution regretted that the ethnic violence there continues with the security forces committing daily atrocities on hapless civilians. At this juncture, the resolution said, the Indian National Congress should act with complete unity of will and purpose.

Congress-I Expels 2 Members From West Bengal

BK051621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Jun 86

[Text] The AICCI [All India Congress Committee I] has expelled two party MLA's [members of the legislative assembly] from West Bengal for their antiparty activities. They are Mr Samar Mukherjee and Mr Ananda Mohan Biswas. Both of them are close associates of Mr Pranab Mukherjee. This was announced by the West Bengal Congress-I president, Mr Priya Ranjan Das Munshi, in Calcutta today.

Vice President To Visit France 10 June

BK051619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Jun 86

[Text] The vice president, Mr R. Venkararaman, is paying a 5-day official visit to France from next Tuesday [10 June]. He will attend the concluding ceremony of the year-long Festival of India in that country. An official announcement in New Delhi says that Mr Venkataraman's visit is at the invitation of President Mitterrand.

Indira Gandhi's Assassin Petition Dismissed

BK301244 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] The Delhi High Court has dismissed a writ petition by Satwant Singh, sentenced to death in the Indira Gandhi assassination case, urging the court to direct the central government to place the Thakkar Commission report before Parliament. The order was passed today by Justice B.N. Kirpal and Justice N.K. Chawla. The court thus upheld the constitutional vailidity of the presidential ordinance empowering the government to withhold reports of commissions of enquiry from Parliament and state legislatures. The Thakkar Commission was set up by the government in November 1984 to enquire into lapses in Mrs Gandhi's security and conspiracy, if any, leading to her assassination. The commission has submitted two reports.

PRC's Wu Xueqian Urges USSR To Leave Afghanistan

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[Text] Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian has urged the Soviet Union to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan so a just solution of the issue can be sought. In an interview at the Karachi Airport this morning, he said a solution to the Afghanistan issue depedns entirely on the Soviet Union. It should provide a program for troop withdrawal acceptable to both sides. The PRC foreign minister said Sino-Pakistan relations will develop further with the opening of the Kunjerab Pass. Wu Xueqian made a brief stopover at the Karachi Airport on his way home from his tour of European countries.

Rebels Attack Soviet Center in Parvan, Kill 20

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[Text] Afghan Mujahidin recently attacked the Soviet troop headquarters in Parvan Province, killing 20 Soviet-Kabul soldiers. (?Three) Soviet tanks and armored vehicles were also destroyed in the attack.

Junejo To Visit Turkey, FRG, U.S. in July

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[Text] The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, is to pay official visits to Turkey, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the United States next month.

The prime minister's 3-day visit to Turkey begins on the 10th of next month at the invitation of President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal. Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo will hold talks with the Turkish prime minister in Ankara and also visit Istanbul. During his 3-day visit to the Federal Republic of Germany from the 13th of next month, the prime minister will hold talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and meet senior members of the cabinet.

Later, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo will pay a week-long visit to the United States from the 15th of next month. He will hold talks with President Reagan in Washington and will meet members of cabinet and the congressional leaders. He will also visit two other major cities of the United States.

SRI LANKA

Correction of UK Party Leader's Comments Sought

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[Text] Briefing newsmen on yesterday's cabinet decisions, the minister of state, Dr Ananda Tissa de Alwis, said that certain comments made by the leader of the British Labor Party, Neil Kinnock, about Sri Lanka's terrorist problem had been taken up for discussion.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Shahul Hameed had told the cabinet that he had requested Sri Lanka's high commissioner in London to correct certain errors in Mr Kinnock's remarks. The government regrets that only one side of the issue had been considered should also be conveyed to Mr Kinnock. Dr de Alwis in reply to a question said that an all-party conference would be summoned soon. A date will be fixed by next week.

18 Civilians Killed by Tamil Separatists

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[Text] Colombo, June 5 (AFP) — Eighteen civilians, many of them women and children, were killed by Tamil separatists who attacked villagers and torched houses in northeastern Sri Lanka, security sources said Thursday [5 June].

The National Security Ministry first said that two civilians were killed and eight houses were burned Wednesday when separatists attacked the predominantly Sinhalese village of Andankulsm outside the town of Trincomalee. But security sources later quoted residents as saying that Tamil militants had killed 16 other people, mainly women and children, in an attack on Sinhalese villagers gathering flowers at a nearby reservoir.

The Security Ministry said that a Buddhist temple in the village was also damaged and a monk reported missing, but it was not immediately known whether he had been kidnapped by separatists or had fled to safety.

In the adjoining Kilinochchi District, a 14-hour curfew clamped on the area Wednesday was lifted early Thursday, National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said. He said the curfew, imposed after about 200 separatists attacked the Army camp at Kilinochchi Wednesday, might be reimposed later Thursday. Mr Athulathmudali said troops were searching for the attackers, and the curfew would allow the Army to operate more freely by keeping civilians indoors. Security sources said six separatists died and several were wounded in the attack. No casualties were reported from among the troops.

The separatists had been preparing to ram the compound with three trucks filled with tar and gasoline to create a napalm-like effect, but soldiers had blown up one of the trucks after receiving a tip from civilians, the sources said.

Suspected Tamil Bomb Blocks Thai Ship Entry

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[Text] Colombo, June 6 (AFP) — A Thai cargo ship suspected of carrying a bomb planted by Tamil separatists has been refused entry into Sri Lanka until it is cleared by a bomb disposal team, the Security Ministry said. The Navy threw up a security cordon around the Sea High Hong, which was anchored about six kms (four miles) off Colombo after arriving in the port area during th night, official sources said. Attempts to contact the vessel by radio had failed and it appeared the ship was maintaining radio silence, the sources added.

The ship carried a cargo of cement bound for Colombo from Kankesanturai, in northern Sri Lanka, where Tamil separatists are active. Official sources said a bomb on board was rumored to have been set to explode after the vessel reached port in Colombo. Tamil separatists campaigning for an independent state in the north and east set off a series of bombs against selected civilian targets last month, killing more than 50 people and injuring nearly 200, security sources said.

In northern Kilinochchi, meanwhile, one soldier was killed and three were wounded Thursday [5 June] when separatists fired on a foot patrol from inside civilian homes, security sources said. Lieutenant-General Cyril Ranatunge, chief of the Joint Operations Command (JOC), said Friday that separatists also attacked the Mankulam Army camp south of Kilinochchi Thursday but were driven off.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Delivers Friday Prayers Sermon
LD061310 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] Addressing a great rally of the people of Tehran marking International Jerusalem Day, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, in his Friday prayers sermons expounding on the uprising by Iran's Muslim people on 5 June 1963, imam Khomeyni's consistent struggles against the shah's regime informing the people about the corruption of the ruling system, the results achieved by these struggles and the victory of the Islamic Revolution on 11 February 1979, said:

5 June 1963 is one of the important historic, destiny-molding days of the Islamic nation. Hojjat ol-Eslam va al-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani then referred to International Jerusalem Day by saying: The plot connected with planting Israel in the Middle East, particularly in Palestine, is among the important problems of our century, of significance to the region, Islam and the entire world; and this dangerous plot and satanical sedition were fomented by British colonialism in the region coupled with predetermined objectives in order to confound forever the Muslim nations and those in the region with problems on the one hand, while on the other hand saving the Western world from the evils of the subversive Zionist party!

Referring to the fact that today the United States is investing in safeguarding such subservient regimes as Saudi Arabia and Jordan as far as that tallies with safeguarding its own life Hojjat ol-Eslam va al-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: As long as these conditions exist the Islamic countries would never be able to unite!

Then referring to the mistakes committed by Arab heads in their reaction to the Israeli problem and also to the expansionist aims of that regime in the region Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani then said: What we should not accept is the existence of this occupation regime, since this regime would occupy a part of the Muslim countries whenever it has an opportunity to do so.

Hojjat ol-Eslam va al-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: Another mistake which one sees today is turning the paths of waging armed struggle into negotiations and political solutions; and unfortunately they are dragging behind them the PLO! He emphasized: How could one negotiate with the United States with regard to wresting the interests of the Palestinians from the regime occupying Jerusalem?! If they were really interested in giving back your interests they would not have created Israel in the region in the first place!

Continuing the prayer sermon and analyzing the various objectives of world arrogance in connection with Israel, the Iraqi Ba'th Party and the Iraqi regime's imposed war on the Islamic Republic of Iran the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council said: Western, and even eastern, imperialism are wakeful lest something should emerge in the region which would pose a threat to Israel; and for this very reason they provoked the Iraqi regime by its attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran to bar the progress of Muslims toward fighting Israel.

Expounding on the war and its position the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council said: The situation of the war has reached a phase whereby we should prepare ourselves to end this war as soon as possible with victory and we should no longer give any time to our enemies!

Referring to the remarks by the imam of the Islamic Nation, Hojjat ol-Eslam va al-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani emphasized: It is a religious duty and that of the entire nation to utilize their capabilities along the path of war; and this is not merely confined to individuals and an individuals' participation, but also encompasses their properties. So long as the war today is in need of manpower resources, management, engineering efforts and mobilization the spending of wealth on things other than the war is not proper and it is a must that everyone should place everything they might own at the disposal of the first priority, the cause of the war!

Hojjat ol-Eslam va al-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani emphasized: Because of the terror from our victory felt by our enemies, through military and economic suicide, they were able to bear the path of our victory! Their economic suicide was the same thing which you have seen whereby they came along and placed their riches for nothing at the disposal of world arrogance; and in its military suicide Iraq, through its movement along our borders resorted to such an act of suicide that through barbed wires, booby traps and obstacles had its troops mown down like the fall leaves!

In conclusion, the imam's representative emphasized: Those who are capable of bearing arms should be ready so that the commanders on the fronts will not sense a shortage of forces, and so that the reserve armies will not need soldiers and forces while these soldiers and their forces are at home, on the farms and in the factories!

Marchers, Resolution Mark Jerusalem Day
LD061028 Tehran IRNA in English 0957 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 6, IRNA — Millions of Iranians from throughout the country marched Friday to commemorate the International Qods Day and reiterate the necessity for the liberation of occupied Qods through unity of world Muslims and armed struggles.

Fasting marchers in Tehran commemorated martyrs of the last year Iraqi missile and air attacks on civilian areas in eight cities and urged removal of the Iraqi regime which hindered liberation of Qods.

The marchers, proceeding towards Tehran University, chanted slogans as: "Down with the U.S., down with Israel" and called for continuation of the Iraqi-imposed war until the suppression of the aggressor and annihilation of sedition in the region. They also carried placards stressing solidarity of Iranians with oppressed Palestinian people. A large number of Majlis deputies and high-ranking officials were among the marchers.

One of the demonstrators, Davoud Narenji-Nejad, expressed hope that coordianted and simultaneous movement of world

Muslims would eradicate the Zionist regime. Calling for the continuation of the Iraqi-imposed war, he told IRNA that the new plan to dispatch more manpower and facilities to war fronts would bring victory for the muslim forces of Iran this year.

A marcher in military uniform who carried a placard reading "victory is imminent", also told IRNA that the Islamic combatants [words indistinct] fight the Zionist usurpers and [words indistinct] Palestine along with their Palestinian brethren.

The women demonstrators, urging the Islamic combatnats to continue the war with the Iraqi enemy, once again proved their revolutionary presence in the scenes of fight with the Iraqi and the Zionist regimes.

Meanwhile thousands of motorcyclists carrying (?guns and) verses from Holy Quran, demonstrated in northern capital [as received] and chanted slogans in condemnation of the Zionist regime and the U.S.

The International Qods Day ceremonies this year also coincided with the commemoration of June 5, 1963 uprising. A message read on this occasion to the demonstrators gathered at Tehran University, said that the June 5th uprising paved the way for the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran.

Later, an 11-article resolution, issued by several-million strong marchers in Tehran, was read at the university. The resolution said that savage assaults of international arrogance and Zionism against Muslims and oppressed in the world, especially those in the Middle East, was a proof to their fear of the Islamic revolution and growth and spread of an Islamic movement. It stressed that the Islamic revolution of Iran has disturbed peace and stability of international imperialism, adding that from the very beginning it gave priority to the liberation of Qods and fight against Zionism.

The demonstrators renewed their allegiance to the leader of the Islamic revolution of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, and reiterated their support for the future leader of the Islamic republic, Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri.

The resolution also announced overall support for the Muslim forces of Iran and combatant ulema, and called on the government to employ all its potentials for the war efforts. The resolution denounced U.S. expansionism and called on Muslims throughout the world to uprise against aggressive policies of international imperialism. It also condemned military occupation of Afghanistan and massacre of innocent Muslim people in that country and urged unconditional withdrawal of usurper forces from Afghanistan and other Muslim states. The resolution called on world Muslims to unite their ranks and uprise against oppressors and their subservients in Islamic countries.

Besharati Carries Khamene'i Message to Damascus

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[Text] Damascus, June 5, IRNA — Acting Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati arrived here Thursday to deliver a message from Iran's President Khamene'i to the Syrian President Hafiz Al-Asad.

Heading a delegation Besharati was met at the airport by his counterpart as well as the Iranian ambassador. Besharati last visited Damascus in February on a four day trip.

Iraqi Ambassador's Remarks in Washington Criticized

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[Excerpts] Last Saturday [31 May], the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps gave a television conference during which he answered reporters' questions on the latest developments of the war. The call for total mobilization made by the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran coincided with Nizar Hamdun's plea to the Reagan government in Washingtn. REUTER reported that Nizar Hamdun, the Iraqi ambassador in Washington, asked the Reagan government to assist Iraq by suggesting ways to terminate the war. While praising the healthy relations between Baghdad and Washington, Hamdun asked Reagan to increase his efforts to strengthen relations with Baghdad. He said: We would like the United States to take more action in order to reassure its allies and friends, for example by exerting pressure on Iran to terminate the war. In another speech to the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Government, the Iraqi ambassador asked them to persuade Reagan to support Iraq and added: Iran might attack other Arab countries.

According to the REUTER report, U.S. President Reagan quoted these remarks by Nizar Hamdun in a speech to congress, which has rejected the sale of Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia. Warning them of the danger posed by the Islamic revolution, Reagan tried to persuade Congress to agree to the sale of these missiles to Saudi Arabia.

According to this report, in the heat of the debate the Iraqi ambassador told Congress that the sale of these surface-to-air missiles would make Iran realize that the United States is still sensitive to the security of the Persian Gulf region.

Observers believe that the Iraqi ambassador's remarks in Washington have clearly strengthened Saddam's shaky regime. In other words, Baghdad has stretched out its begging hand to the White House. However, it is natural that the Islamic Republic of Iran, in accordance with its independent and revolutionary nature, while the enemy is pleading for help from the Eastern and Western satans, is stressing the need for the presence of the popular forces to end the war.

Book on Joint Relations With PRC Published

LD060202 Tehran IRNA in English 1438 GMT 4 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 4 IRNA — A book on contemporary Sino-Iranian relations that reviews 29 years of political and economic contacts has been published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tehran.

•This is the second publication about China by the Bureau for Political and International Studies, an affiliate to the foreign Affairs Ministry. The first book was a political and social analysis of the Chinese Cultural revolution.

The present book titled "China: Foreign Policy and Relations With Iran (1950-1979)" has two chapters. The first chapter deals with the Chinese foreign policy while the second reviews relations between the two countries.

The second chapter discusses: Iran and China before the establishment of diplomatic relations, establishment of diplomatic contacts, regional issues in the politics of the two countries and economic ties.

The beginning of relations go back to 1920 when Iran opened its first consulate in China. But after the establishment of the Peoples' Republic in 1949 an "pessimistic era" began and there were no relations till 1963.

Iran recognized China in 1964 and the authors say the motives for the move were Iran's bowing to U.S. foreign policy, economic stagnation in Iran, maneuver against Soviet Union and adoption of a so-called policy of national independence in Tehran.

The new era in relation began in 1971 when diplomatic contacts started and senior officials visited capitals of the two countries.

In this period China was interested in Iran's role as gendarme of the Persian Gulf and the expansion of bilateral relations while Iran was specifically concerned abut the competition between the radical and pragmatic factions in Peking.

The book says that the Chinese failed to comprehend the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran and even continued their support for the former Iranian regime at the peak of the revolution.

Although the book does not study relations between the two countries after the revolution but gives recent trade figures.

Economic relations with China started in 1960's and expanded rapidly. In 1978 it amounted to more than rials 4.58 billion.

The 240-page book has been cowritten by (Mas'ud Tarom Sari), (Aborrahman Alem) and (Bahram Mostaqimi).

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique Reports Artillery Duels

LD051628 Tehran IRNA in English 1532 gmt 5 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 5, IRNA — Iranian Jet fighters bombed Iraqi positions in the southern front as artillery duels and skirmishes continued in other sectors of the 1,200 km confrontation line, reported the joint staff command Thursday.

Planes raided Iraqi armoured and infantry positions on Al-Faw-Umm Qasr road Wednesday evening while another two groups bombed artillery positions north of faw battlefield and a command center on the Basra-Bahar road Thursday morning.

The joint staff communique [unnumbered as recieved] that reports on the state of battle in the past 24 hours said artillery duels continued on all fronts but were heavier in Hajj 'Umran, Mehran, Sharhani, Zobeydeh, and the oil-rich Majnun Islands.

One Iraqi tank and several heavy vehicles were destroyed in Hajj 'Umran and Panjwin regions because of shelling which the joint staff said left a group of Iraqi troops dead or wounded when it hit their bunkers. Artillery fire also hit one Iraqi military column in the western front forcing it to a halt.

In another confrontation region, Iraq's Banmil oil installations were further damaged because of Iranian shelling.

Gendarmerie forces attacked Iraqi positions in Bayat, Zobeydeh and Dehloran regions, silencing their guns and destroying six bunkers and one ammunition depots. Some 12 houses were destroyed when Iraqi artillery fire rained on the port city of Abadan on the shores of the Persian Gulf